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Burma – Cyclone

Fact Sheet #2, Fiscal Year (FY) 2009

December 19, 2008

Note: The last fact sheet was dated November 17, 2008.

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- The Tripartite Core Group (TCG), composed of representatives from the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), the Government of Burma, and the U.N., is finalizing the first Periodic Review, a quarterly comprehensive assessment of the response to Cyclone Nargis. The Review is scheduled for release in Burma in late December and will focus on progress to date and ongoing humanitarian needs.
- The TCG plans to launch the Post Nargis Recovery and Preparedness Plan (PONREPP) in January 2009. The PONREPP is designed to meet medium-term recovery needs in livelihoods, shelter, education and training, disaster risk reduction, environment, protection, health, and water, sanitation, and hygiene sectors.
- As of December 12, the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) reported that the U.N. Revised Appeal for \$477 million is currently funded at 64 percent, or \$304 million.
- On December 10, U.S. First Lady Laura Bush announced that the U.S. Government (USG), through USAID, will provide an additional \$5 million in disaster assistance to communities devastated by Cyclone Nargis. The funding will support efforts of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to address clean water, shelter, and other critical needs in affected areas.
- In FY 2008 and to date in FY 2009, the USG has provided or committed to provide nearly \$74 million in cyclone assistance to Burma, including almost \$30 million in USAID/OFDA funding to support relief and early recovery activities among cyclone-affected populations.

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE		SOURCE
Total Displaced	800,000	TCG – December 15, 2008
Total Dead or Missing	140,000	OCHA – December 12, 2008
Total Number Affected	2.4 million	OCHA – December 12, 2008

FY 2008 AND FY 2009 HUMANITARIAN FUNDING TO DATE

USAID/OFDA Assistance to Burma	\$28,596,342
USAID/FFP¹ Assistance to Burma	\$28,063,200
DOD² Assistance to Burma	\$12,273,152
Additional USAID/OFDA Assistance Pledged to Burma.....	\$5,000,000
Total USG Humanitarian Assistance to Burma.....	\$73,932,694

CURRENT SITUATION

- Seven months after Cyclone Nargis made landfall in Burma, humanitarian agencies assisted an estimated 2.4 million beneficiaries, primarily within the most-affected areas of Ayeyarwady and Rangoon divisions.
- According to OCHA, to reflect the changing needs of the population, donors and NGOs are shifting from emergency activities to recovery efforts, including livelihood promotion interventions.
- USAID/OFDA partners continue to implement livelihood recovery programs, including microfinance assistance and agricultural inputs, in Ayeyarwady and Rangoon divisions.
- USAID/OFDA deployed an Emergency Disaster Response Coordinator (EDRC) in Rangoon to conduct humanitarian assessments, monitor USG-funded programs, and coordinate with humanitarian organizations.

Agriculture

- NGOs continue to conduct needs assessments in affected areas to identify gaps in programming for livelihood recovery interventions, including rice production and fisheries.

¹ USAID's Office of Food for Peace (USAID/FFP)

² U.S. Department of Defense (DOD)

- NGOs and U.N. agencies have begun to distribute agricultural inputs, such as livestock and equipment, to facilitate sustainable agricultural production in anticipation of the June 2009 planting season.
- USAID/OFDA-supported NGOs are assisting farmers with dry season crops of pulses as well as supplying households with vegetable seeds for small kitchen gardens.

Food Security and Assistance

- According to the joint Food, Nutrition, and Household Food Security Assessment conducted by the U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF), the U.N. World Food Program (WFP), and the National Nutrition Centre, food consumption has continued at a stable level.
- As of December 2, U.N. agencies reported that humanitarian organizations had delivered a total of 53,000 metric tons (MT) of food assistance consisting primarily of rice and pulses to vulnerable communities.

Health

- According to the U.N., approximately half of the cyclone-damaged rural health centers are now renovated and operational. On December 12, the U.N. World Health Organization (WHO) reported that diarrhea, measles, and dengue fever rates had decreased but the number of cases remained significant. WHO also expressed concern that water-borne diseases may increase as the availability of safe drinking water decreases during the dry season.
- To date, implementing partners have vaccinated more than 100,000 children under 15 years of age against measles and more than 22,000 children under five years of age against diphtheria, pertussis, and tetanus.
- USAID/OFDA-funded partners continue rehabilitation of damaged rural health sub-centers in severely impacted villages and in the provision of skills upgrade and training to rural health workers.

Shelter

- Despite the distribution of shelter construction materials, OCHA reported that an estimated 250,000 households remain without adequate shelter materials for the upcoming monsoon season, beginning in May.
- According to OCHA, humanitarian organizations have supported construction of approximately 4,000 permanent shelters to date.
- USAID/OFDA-supported NGOs are working in some of the most affected villages to provide improved shelter construction techniques to incorporate disaster risk reduction strategies. NGOs are also supplying shelter materials, especially bamboo and nipa thatch, to vulnerable households in severely affected communities.

USAID/OFDA HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

- On May 5, 2008, U.S. Chargé d'Affaires Shari Villarosa issued a disaster declaration in Burma due to the effects of Cyclone Nargis.
- On May 7, USAID/OFDA activated a Disaster Assistance Response Team (USAID/DART) and a Washington, D.C.-based Response Management Team to respond to Cyclone Nargis.
- Following the deactivation of the USAID/DART in July, USAID/OFDA deployed an EDRC to Rangoon to conduct humanitarian assessments, monitor USG-funded programs, and coordinate with humanitarian organizations.
- In FY 2008 and 2009, the USG has provided or will provide nearly \$74 million in response to Cyclone Nargis, including approximately \$30 million in USAID/OFDA funds.

TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO BURMA IN FY 2008 AND 2009

FY 2009			
<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE¹			
	Administrative Support and Travel		\$6,793
TOTAL USAID/OFDA			\$6,793
FY 2008			
<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE¹			
ACTED	Agriculture and Food Security; Economy and Market Systems	Bogale, Dedaye, Labutta townships, Ayeyarwady Division	\$1,600,000
Adventist Development Relief Agency (ADRA)	Shelter and Settlements; Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene	Labutta Township, Ayeyarwady Division	\$400,000

American Red Cross	Emergency Relief Commodities; Shelter Kits	Countrywide	\$1,000,000
ASEAN	Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management	Countrywide	\$50,000
Church World Service (CWS) and International Development Enterprises (IDE)	Agriculture and Food Security; Economy and Market Systems	Bogale, Maubin, Mawlamyinegyun, Labutta, Kyaiklat, Pyapon townships, Ayeyarwady Division; Kungyangon, Kawhmu, Kyauktan, Twantay townships, Rangoon Division	\$3,975,703
International Organization for Migration (IOM)	Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management	Countrywide	\$250,000
International Rescue Committee (IRC)	Emergency Relief Commodities; Health; Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene	Ngapudaw Township, Ayeyarwady Division	\$500,000
MENTOR	Health	Ayeyarwady Division	\$500,000
Medical Emergency Relief International (MERLIN)	Health; Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene	Labutta Township, Ayeyarwady Division	\$749,874
Pact	Economy and Market Systems; Shelter and Settlements; Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene	Bogale, Labutta, Mawlamyinegyun townships, Ayeyarwady Division	\$554,135
Save the Children/US (SC/US)	Economy and Market Systems; Emergency Relief Supplies; Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene	Myaungmya, Ngapudaw townships, Ayeyarwady Division	\$2,280,629
Office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)	Shelter and Settlements	Countrywide	\$100,000
UNICEF	Health; Nutrition; Protection; Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene	Countrywide	\$1,900,000
UNDP/PACT	Economy and Market Systems	Bogale, Labutta, Mawlamyinegyun townships, Ayeyarwady Division	\$1,000,000
OCHA	Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management	Countrywide	\$250,000
WHO	Health	Countrywide	\$500,000
WFP	Logistics	Countrywide	\$4,050,000
World Concern (WC)	Agriculture and Food Security; Economy and Market Systems	Bogale, Labutta, Kyaiklat townships, Ayeyarwady Division; Kungyangon, Twantay, Dala townships, Rangoon Division	\$499,975

World Vision	Economy and Market Systems; Protection; Shelter and Settlements; Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene	Bogale Township, Ayeyarwady Division	\$892,433
Implementing NGO	Emergency Relief Commodities; Health	Affected Areas	\$399,484
Action Contre la Faim (ACF), ADRA, CARE, IOM, SC/US, UNICEF	Emergency Relief Supplies	Affected Areas	\$4,223,789 ²
	Administrative Support and Travel	Burma	\$874,976
	Logistics and Transport	Burma	\$2,038,551
TOTAL USAID/OFDA			\$28,589,549
USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE³			
WFP	23,640 MT of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Affected Areas	\$28,063,200
TOTAL USAID/FFP			\$28,063,200
DOD ASSISTANCE⁴			
DOD	Air Transport; Logistics	Affected Areas	\$12,273,152
TOTAL DOD			\$12,273,152
TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO BURMA IN FY 2008			\$68,925,901

¹ USAID/OFDA funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of December 19, 2008.

² Includes \$600,000 in USAID/OFDA-purchased DOD commodities.

³ Estimated value of anticipated or obligated food assistance.

⁴ Numbers reflect value of assistance after USAID/OFDA reimbursement of \$600,000.

PUBLIC DONATION INFORMATION

- The most effective way people can assist relief efforts is by making cash contributions to humanitarian organizations that are conducting relief operations. Information on identifying such organizations is available in the “How Can I Help” section of www.usaid.gov – Keyword: Cyclone Nargis, or by calling The Center for International Disaster Information (CIDI) at 703-276-1914.
- USAID encourages cash donations because they allow aid professionals to procure the exact items needed (often in the affected region); reduce the burden on scarce resources (such as transportation routes, staff time, warehouse space, etc); can be transferred very quickly and without transportation costs; support the economy of the disaster-stricken region; and ensure culturally, dietary, and environmentally appropriate assistance.
- More information can be found at:
 - USAID: www.usaid.gov – Keyword: Donations
 - The Center for International Disaster Information: www.cidi.org or (703) 276-1914
 - Information on relief activities of the humanitarian community can be found at www.reliefweb.int
- In addition to USG contributions, the U.S. private sector has actively responded to the cyclone in Burma. More information can be found at:
 - U.S. Chamber of Commerce Business Civic Leadership Center: www.uschamber.com/bclc/default
 - Business Roundtable Partnership for Disaster Response: www.respondtodisaster.com/mambo/